

Minutes
St. Paul Rent Stabilization Task Force
April 5, 2022

Members present (bold): Katherine Banbury, Tony Barranco, Cecile Bedor, Jay Benanav, Clinton Blaiser, Monica Bravo, Carolyn Brown, Scott Cordes, Phillip Cryan, Arline Datu, Malik Davis, Khayree Duckett, Kelly Elkin, Tou Fang, Jessica Fowler, Thomas Godfrey, Robbie Grossman, Tram Hoang, Myisha Holley, Rich Holst, Mya Honeywell, Abdiaziz Ibrahim, Rawnsen Ivanoff, Nathaniel Khaliq, Chue Kue, Bill Lindeke, Nene Matey-Keke, Carin Mrotz, Tom Nelson, Dalton Outlaw, Kevin Pranis, B. Rosas, Tony Sanneh, Julie Schwartz, Kathryn Schneider, Emmanuel Speare, D'Angelos Svenkeson, Chris Tolbert, Marcus Troy, J. Kou Vang, Richard Holst, Clara Ware

City of St. Paul staff present: Jon Grebner, David Gorski, Mary Guerra, Brynn Hausz, Tony Johnson, Luis Pereira, Ian Welsh

CURA staff present: C. Terrence Anderson, Tony Damiano, Edward Goetz, Malik Holt-Shabazz, Trupti Storlie

1. Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by **Tony Sanneh**. The meeting was virtual.

2. Agenda

- Approval of March 29 Minutes
- Announcements
- Post-Meeting Survey Summary
- Rent Stabilization Objective (continued)
- Mapping Prejudice: Rebecca Walker

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Vote:** Minutes approved.

4. Announcement

- No CURA Team announcements
- Chair Tony Sanneh announced City of St Paul will be having a public comment period of the rent stabilization rules April 7 – April 12 and two links were put In the chatroom. The St Paul Rent Stabilization Group has its own comment link.
- Councilmember Tolbert announced administration will be publishing the draft rules last Friday, April 1st. Comments can be submitted to the Department of Safety and Inspections between April 7 – April 22, 2022 regarding the draft rules as the Rent Stabilization ordinance currently stands. Councilmember Tolbert also stated the Current ordinance as it stands will come before City Council on April 6th
- CURA Ed Goetz stated the vote on May 1st will not necessarily impact the work this committee is working on.
- CURA Ed Goetz also answered the following questions from a committee member regarding the April 12 Public meeting:

1. List of meeting attendees will appear on the Zoom call, but CURA will have roster of public input session attendees at a later date. Members of the Stakeholder Group will serve as observers at the public input session.
2. The public input will serve as information to assist committee members during their deliberations and inform the decisions of this group.
3. After the Public hearing, the group will pivot to deliberations role and look into policy recommendations. CURA will document input received from the public input session and send to committee members.
4. A flyer was sent out regarding the April 12 public input session and please disseminate to your networks.
5. A separate opportunity to sign up to speak and/or to submit written comments will open up after today's meeting and will end on April 15th.
6. Our regular Tuesday meeting on April 12th will not occur and the April 12th public input session will serve as that week's official meeting.

5. Policy Preferences Poll

- CURA went through a number of polling questions with committee members seeing where people are at this point in time regarding rent stabilization and to see where there are areas of agreement, disagreement.

6. Mapping Prejudice: Historic Housing Discrimination in St Paul by Rebecca Walker, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

- Rebecca Walker made a presentation and then fielded questions on several topics for consideration by the Task Force.
 - Rebecca Walker's talk touched on historical analysis on housing discrimination in St Paul including the expansion of land use segregation from 1884 to present day, access to housing, use of racial covenants, racial housing discrimination covenant Minneapolis maps and start of St Paul racial covenant maps, city governments history of enacting policies to promote segregation, and discussing how bias towards people of color occurring to this day regarding housing appraisals, discrimination, predatory lending, and foreclosures
 - Rebecca Walker took questions

7. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Tony Sanneh